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Docket No. 197311US2

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiromi OKUBO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/663,843

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FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING BASED ON DEGREE OF WHITE-BACKGROUND LIKELINESS

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in the above-identified application.

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- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

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INDEPENDENT	7	MINUS	7	0	x \$86 =	\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$290 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
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In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.